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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a Two-Month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006. Enclosed is Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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